GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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CHOICE FOR PACKING FOODGRAINS SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to allow full freedom to foodgrains/sugar sectors to procure packing material (jute/non-jut

(e) of their choice, at par with cement and fertilizer sectors;

(b) if so, whether necessary amendments have been issued in Jute Packaging (compulsoryuse in packing commodities) Act, 1987 and Sugar (packing and making) order, 1970 to facilitate the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (d): The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee consistingof Minister of Textiles, Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Foodand Public Distribution to formulate a road map for the progressive dilution of compulsory packaging norms for foodgrains and sugar under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987. The Committee has submitted its report, which is under consideration of the Government.